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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The Microsoft case has been going on for some time now. I sincerely hope that this settlement will be respected and the case can truly be ended. America is a free country. Successful companies like Microsoft should not be punished for running a profitable business. It seems their competitors have used their status as underdogs to claim that Microsoft has an unfair advantage. But fair or not, Microsoft came up with the technology and changed our lives and the entire computer industry. The public is FREE to choose Microsoft or a competitor for computer technology so I ask, should a company being aggressive in marketing and technology PAY for success?

The proposed settlement adequately addresses the issues that Microsoft was having problems with. They've pledged to change their aggressive marketing strategies and share their technology information and server protocols with their competitors. This settlement is quite reasonable and will restore competition to our American computer industry.

Please make sure that the settlement is upheld. Our economy cannot withstand further damage. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum